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## 750 Alumni Attend Homecoming

Over 750 alumni and their families enjoyed the formal programs, the fellowship, and the SMC and Collegedale church-hosted hospitality over the Annual Alumni Homecoming, October 24-26.

Dr. James Ray McKinney's ('55) sermon at the vespers service on Friday evening set the tone for the whole weekend. Based on sacrificial service, Dr. McKinney inspired the alumni and students to give themselves to further the work of the church.

Nostalgia was present when the Crusaders Quartet—Bill Kirstein; Phil Wilson, '66; Kingsley Whitsett, '65; and Bob Bolton, '67; sang for vespers and Sabbath School the next day.

Rosemary Bryant, '82, made the appeal for the vespers offering, which was dedicated to the SMC Student Missionary program.

The classes of 1930, 1940, 1955, and 1970 were honored at the public meetings, as well as the buffet supper on Saturday night. However, their main fellowship came when they met for a brunch on Sunday morning, hosted by SMC with Alumni President John Durichek, '58, as master of ceremonies. Members recalled with obvious pleasure their days on the campus, and some "give-and-take" was still evident between certain class members.

Dr. J. Grady Smoot, '55, presi-

dent of Andrews University and president of his class at SMC, was the speaker at both church services. Filled with deep spiritual commitment to the work of the Church, as well as to Christian education, Dr. Smoot recalled the work of the faculty, supported by the patron families, at SMC. He dwelt on the common ground binding the church, the school, and the family, into one indivisible unit for the work of salvation.

Performing for both church services were SMC's combined choral groups and the Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Professor Orlo Gilbert. The Symphony will be touring the South Pacific in May, having been invited by the Australasian Division. They will play concerts in Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and Hawaii.

Mrs. Jeanne Davis, chairperson for the Social Committee of the Collegedale church which hosted the Sabbath lunch, reported that over 1,000 were fed.

On Sabbath afternoon, the SMC Division of Music, under the direction of Dr. Marvin Robertson, presented a musical program to an overflow crowd in the Collegedale church.

The crowds have become so large for Homecoming that the main programs are being held in the P.E. Center.

The Sabbath vespers talk was given by Mrs. Jane Travis Tolhurst, '70. The buffet supper for the Alumni only was hosted by the Collegedale Chapter, Dan Rozell, '61, president. Frank Knittel explained the new BECA proposal, a challenge grant that will provide \$2 for every \$5 given by an alumnus. Dr. H. H. Kuhlman was made an honorary alumnus.

The weekend was concluded with Larry Richardson's portrayal of James White with some 1,500 present in the P.E. Center.

## BECA Challenge Fund Off to Good Start

The BECA (Business Executives Challenge to Alumni Fund), kicked off by SMC President Frank Knittel at Homecoming, is approaching the \$10,000 mark in pledges and cash.

Many Alumni are taking advantage of the "spectacular offer" made by SDA businessmen who are giving \$2 for every \$5 given by SMC Alumni. For the first year, however, if SMC Alumni give \$57,000, the BECA will match it with \$63,000.

The total expected to be received over a five-year period, both from the Alumni and the BECA, is \$705,500.

The table below details what the BECA will do to challenge the alumni during the next five years. The funds are stipulated to come in unrestricted so that the SMC Alumni Council and the college administration can apply the monies where most needed.

### Five-Year Projection For BECA Program

Base Year	1978-1979	1980-1981	1981-1982	1982-1983	1983-1984	1984-1985
Number of Alumni	5,328	6,128	6,528	6,928	7,328	7,728
Percentage of alumni giving	6.0	10.5	14.0	17.0	19.0	21.0
Average alumni gift	\$80	\$88	\$91	\$88	\$84	\$80
Alumni Donors	322	643	913	1,143	1,392	1,622
New Donors		321	270	230	249	304
Dollars per each New Donor		\$98	\$98	\$79	\$63	\$54
Dollars raised (estimate)	\$25,760	\$ 57,000	\$ 83,500	\$ 104,500	\$ 120,500	\$ 131,000
Challenge \$/\$		31,500	26,500	21,000	16,000	10,500
Challenge \$/New Donors		31,500	26,500	21,000	16,000	10,500
Total Challenge		\$ 63,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 21,000
Alumni gifts plus BECA	\$25,760	\$120,000	\$136,500	\$146,500	\$152,500	\$152,000
Projected Total Alumni Giving and Challenge Grants	— \$707,500					

# From Your Association President and Mrs. John Durichek

Peace on Earth,  
Good will to men.

What hope is there for peace  
when our daily lives are  
filled with domestic conflict,  
news of foreign unrest.

Our hope is in the One who was  
born a Babe in Bethlehem,  
lived for our example,  
suffered in our place,  
is coming to rescue us who are held hostage in this prisonhouse.

During this holiday season many SMC Alumni  
will enjoy home and family around a comfortable fireside.  
Others having answered their Lord's call to serve in foreign lands  
are in very different situations.

Whatever our circumstances, may we not lose  
Hope in our imminent deliverance,  
Faith in Christ's saving righteousness,  
Charity for all people with whom we have the opportunity  
to share the plan of salvation.

We ask that you uphold SMC daily in your prayers  
that His plan for our young people may be fulfilled.

The new missionary book of the year is June Strong's *Project Sunlight*.  
We have just finished reading it and recommend it for your  
inspiration and sharing.

Keep in touch with your Alumni Association,  
it's a great way to spread—

Peace on Earth,  
Good will to men.



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Class members and attendees from the 1920's and 30's enjoy the Sabbath evening buffet.



Other class members from the 1920's and 30's get together for fellowship.



Albert Hayne Macy, '30, left, the only member present from his Honor Class, tells about life on the campus when he was a student.



Sabbath School study panelists were as follows: Ed Neal, '70; Frances Andrews, '49; Robert Hunter, '70, moderator; Dr. John Pifer, '55; and Dr. Delvin Littell, '55.



Sabbath School participants are as follows: Sharon Lindsey, '70; Terence Fletcher, '70; Robert Hunter, '70; Bill Hulsey, '55, superintendent; Les Rilea, '55; Dr. Daniel Loh, '55; and Ferdinand Wuttke, '55.



Members of the Honor Class of 1940 enjoy fellowship and the evening buffet supper: Nellie Jane McDonald, '40; Elder Wallace Wellman, '39; and Mildred Hust Wellman, '40.

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The Honor Class of 1955 — THEN

The Honor Class of 1955 — NOW



Overflow from class of '55  
Pifer; Dr. Smoot; Mr.  
Wellman Brooks; Bill  
and Ferdinand Wuttke.



Elder Ralph Watts, former student and past vice-president of the General Conference, is interviewed by Bill Taylor.



Dr. John Pifer represents the class of '55 as he is interviewed.



# um—Homecoming Family Album—Homecoming Family Album—Home



Dr. and Mrs. George Tolhurst, Jr., class of '70, visit with fellow alumni at the Sabbath evening buffet supper. Mrs. Jane Travis Tolhurst was the speaker for the Sabbath evening meditation.



Participants at the vespers service were as follows: Barry Mahorney, '70; Merlin Wittenberg, '70; John Durichek, '58, president; Charles Fleming, honorary alumnus, '78; Dr. James Ray McKinney, '55, speaker; Albert Macy, '30; Rosemary Bryant, '82, student missionary; Mike Baez, '82, student missionary.



Incoming officers are as follows: Susan Boyd Miller, '63, president-elect; Dr. Jerry Gladson, '65, executive council member; Dianne Burroughs Proffitt, '76, executive council member; Romayne Godwin Pratt, '59, executive council member; John Durichek, '58, president.



The SMC Student Mission Program received the offering given on Friday night and Robert (Bob) Weidemann and Jim Norton work the middle aisle.



Participants at the worship service were as follows: Pastor Rolland Ruf; Tom Bledsoe, '55; Barbara Sears Stanaway, '70; Dr. J. Grady Smoot, '55, speaker; Frank McMillan, '55; Ann Cone Vining, '70; SMC President Dr. Frank Knitel; Dr. Norman Gulley, '55.



Rosemary Bryant, class of '82, tells student mission story and calls for the student missionary offering at the Vespers Service.

# Homecoming Family Album—Homecoming Family Album—Homecoming Family



The Honor Class of 1970 poses for the photographer.



The Sabbath worship speaker was Dr. J. Grady Smoot '55, president of Andrews University.



Dr. H. H. Kuhlman was chosen an honorary alumnus, '80, and was presented an aerial view of the campus as a gift. His wife, Marion, '70, received a floral tribute. Making the presentation are President John Durichek, '58, left, and Dr. Minon Hamm, '66, Past President.



Returning to the campus to sing at vespers and Sabbath School was the Crusaders quartet: Bill Kirstein; Phil Wilson, '66; Kingsley Whitsett, '65; and Bob Bolton, '67.



Outgoing officers Frances Andrews, '49, and Joanne Ausherman Rozell, '58, receive gifts from President-Elect Susan Boyd Miller, '63, and President John Durichek, '58.



A future alumnus is intrigued by the program.

# News Notes

## Class Gift

An IBM Selectric Typewriter was presented to the SDA room of the McKee Library by the graduating class of May, 1980. At the same time the Student Association, being challenged by the college administration, gave a similar typewriter which was then matched by the college.

## Dr. Henry Kuhlman

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration invited Dr. Henry Kuhlman to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California to witness receipt of the signals from Voyager as it flies closest to the planet Saturn.

At 11:05 p.m. EST, Tuesday, November 11, Voyager made its closest approach to Saturn's enormous moon Titan, and scientists were eager to see any clues about the warmth, atmosphere, and habitability of that satellite (such as the volcano seen erupting on one of Jupiter's moons!).

At 5:10 p.m. EST, Wednesday, November 12, Voyager most closely approached the giant planet itself. Dr. Kuhlman and other NASA guests were there for two days.

Dr. Kuhlman has consistently fol-



Jack Boyson, a 1967 graduate of SMC, is currently director of the Concert Band at River Platte College. The above occasion is the opening of the new women's dormitory. Representatives from the West German Embassy and local provincial governmental authorities were in attendance.

lowed NASA's space program. He went to Cape Canaveral on three occasions to watch launches of the stupendous Saturn V-Apollo spacecraft with astronauts bound for the moon.

Dr. Kuhlman teaches the introductory astronomy class at SMC every spring semester. He designed the sundial which adorns the knoll between Thatcher Hall and the tennis courts. He has written an article on its design which is being typeset by *Sky and Telescope*, a world renowned star-watchers' journal.

## Andrews Teacher

Clifton A. Keller, a 1958 graduate of S.M.C., has had an article published in the September issue of the journal, *The Physics Teacher*. Keller is assistant professor of teacher education at Andrews University, and attended S.M.C. from 1954 to 1958 when he earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. His article is entitled "Mysterious Lights in Series and Parallel" and was written to help teachers improve skills and test student understanding of parallel and series circuits.

## 1930's

### Dear Friends:

It has been many years since I have corresponded with my alma mater, but I haven't lost interest or information.

I fondly look back to the years I spent there, the good teachers I had, and the friends I made. I note with interest the changes and improvements over the years.

I visited there one day a few years ago and was surprised to see houses and buildings where I used to herd cows and plant corn.

It is evident that God has blessed, is blessing and I am confident will continue to bless Southern Missionary College.

I retired a couple of months ago from the maintenance shop at Porter Memorial Hospital after twenty-eight years here. I am sending a gift for the Alumni Loyalty Fund.

I shall continue to look forward to receiving the SOUTHERN COLUMNS and any other news from there.

Wishing God's continued blessing, I am yours truly,  
Menton Medford, '37

## 1940's

Dr. Alma Chambers Ager, '40, had hoped she could be present for the Homecoming. She writes, "Southern Missionary College seems like home to me. My father was called there to help build some of the buildings and I will never forget the day we arrived. It was pouring down rain. That was the summer before I entered the fourth grade. Years later I was called back to be Chairman of the Department of Behavioral Science and teach Psychology.

"SMC provides many fond memories for me. I grew up there. The college has grown greatly since those early days but it is still the excellent school of standards we all love. I owe the high principles of life that I have always stood by to the good training I received from my Christian parents and to Southern Missionary College." Alma's hus-

band, Grant, has been local elder for twenty-seven years in the church where they live in Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

Alice Perkins Kimber, '47, with her husband Victor have volunteered to work with the Navajo Indians in Holbrook, Arizona. Alice is teaching Home Economics this school term to the Navajo young people. Throughout their twenty-five years of marriage the Kimbers have served overseas as missionaries, not only in Rhodesia, but also in the Republic of Transkei, Africa. Alice is a former social worker with the Health and Rehabilitation Services, Sanford, Florida, and Victor is retired from the Florida Hospital. Due to their outstanding volunteer services, the couple have been recommended for biographical inclusion in the Eleventh Edition of "Personalities of the South." Each year, a copy of this volume is placed in the Library of Congress and all state libraries in the South.

# Those Who Walked These Halls... Those Who Walked These Halls

## 1950's

John W. Thurber, '56 along with his wife Patsy, have been welcomed back to California to pastor the Paradise Valley Church at National City. They left their home in Carolina Conference where he was serving as a youth evangelist and an associate in the Ministerial Department. The Thurbers have three children: Mickey, who teaches at Mt. Pisgah Academy; Sherry, a junior, and Gary, a sophomore at Southern Missionary College.

Dr. Richard Lynn Sauls, '56 is the new Academic Dean at Atlantic Union College where he has taught in the English department since 1969. Dr. Sauls is a native of Georgia who continued his education after graduation at SMC, at George Peabody College for Teachers, and then the University of Iowa where he earned his doctorate in 1972. Helen Braat Sauls, '63, is currently an associate professor of education at AUC. The Sauls have one son, Raymond.

## 1960's

K. Willfried Kowarsch, '65, is the pastor of the Pipestone district in southwestern Minnesota. Among the many activities he has been involved in are a Vacation Bible School, a 5-Day Stop Smoking Plan and the consummation of a contractual agreement for the operation of the Pipestone County Hospital by the Mid-American Adventist Hospital Corporation. Pastor Kowarsch was previously in the South Dakota conference.

While touring the South with husband and sons, Janice Jackson Honaker, '66, attended the Homecoming. Janice has attended Cal State San Bernardino and earned her BA in psychology since receiving an Associate Degree at SMC. She lives in Colton, California.

## Deaths

Word has been received by SMC nursing student, Virginia Eldridge, that her grandmother, Mae Murrell Summer, SJC '28, passed away in November. Her home was in Dickson, Tennessee.

Karen Bradford Gutman, BS Nursing '76, was killed Thanksgiving weekend in an auto accident. Her husband, Mark, '76, is attending the Seminary. His address is:

7 Kervon Court  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Beverly Jean Laubach Jones, '69, is now living in Lincoln City, Oregon, with her husband Irwin, a graduate of Walla Walla College, who is an architect. They have two boys, Trevor and Kevin.

Roger Albert Hall, '67, and Diane Wilson Hall, '69, have a newborn baby girl, Julie Diane, born July 16, and also a little boy two years old. Roger graduated with his Doctor of Dental Surgery from Loma Linda University in 1976 and has set up practice in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Allen R. Steele, '67, has been named manager of WAUS, Andrews University's FM radio station. He is the former manager of Adventist World Radio, based in Portugal.

Ted Hamilton, M.D., '69, became the Director of Medical Education and Family Practice Residency at Florida Hospital August 1, 1980. Dr. Hamilton carried on a solo medical practice in the small town of Andrews, North Carolina, for five years prior to his return to Florida. He and his wife, Jackie Salyers Hamilton, '69 with their children are living in Orlando.

## 1970's

John Cress, '77, along with his wife Pamela have joined the pastoral staff of the Phoenix Camelback church. Pastor Cress has been involved in the plans for a major evangelistic campaign to be conducted by his brother, Elder Jim Cress, '71 of the Lake Union Conference. John has attended Andrews University Theological Seminary where he will complete requirements for a Master of Divinity degree in '80. Mrs. Cress, the former Pamela Keele, also attended Southern Missionary College and is an office secretary.

Alberto Valenzuela, '79, joined the staff of the Southern California Conference to serve in the Sabbath School Department. He and his wife Denise will be involved in follow-up of the child evangelism program and will also be able to assist with programs in both English and Spanish.

Audrey Norman McLarty, '79, was married on June 1, 1980, to Olney McLarty. They are living at Andrews University where Audrey is nursing at Berrien General Hospital Critical Care Unit and Olney is pursuing a master's in religion.

Barbara de Pena Russell, '78, is presently living with her husband in Tracy City, Tennessee, where she is teaching piano lessons and attending Notlow Jr. College in Tullahoma to receive her degree in nursing. Lee, her husband, is a coal miner and pilot. He also plays the pipe organ which enables them to share music together.

Lonny '72 and Gerita Liebelt have joined the Colorado Conference to be pastoring the Longmont church. They have moved their family from Sheridan, Wyoming, district. The newest member of the family is Mindy, arriving just weeks ago. Tracey is 6, and Michael, 4.

Judith Dean DuBose, '71, and Robert DuBose, Jr. '75 are living in Purvis, Mississippi. They have just completed a new home near Bass Memorial Academy. Judith teaches piano and organ at the academy, and accompanies the choir. She is working on a master's degree in Organ Performance at the University of Southern Mississippi. She also keeps busy with Rebecca, age six, and Robert III, age two. She is currently mastering the Baroque Recorder in her "spare time." Robert is the principal at Bass S.D.A. Elementary School. One of his pet projects is a slide/tape program he is producing for the General Conference Youth Department. It has already been accepted by the North American Curriculum Committee. It is a program for promoting the AJY (JMV) Progressive Classwork in the elementary classroom. He received a master's degree in Educational Media from the University of Central Florida in 1979. Robert also is the director of the Alabama-Mississippi conference.

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